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## Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases for all barley, dry beans, cows, all milk, alfalfa hay, all wheat, feed barley. Price declines were recorded for potatoes.

Nationally, the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August, at 192 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, milk, eggs, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for hogs, potatoes, onions, and carrots.

## Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2011-August 2012

| Commodity                       | Unit | Idaho       |           |                           | United States |           |                     |                  |
|---------------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
|                                 |      | August 2011 | July 2012 | August 2012 <sup>1/</sup> | August 2011   | July 2012 | August 2012         |                  |
|                                 |      |             |           |                           |               |           | Price <sup>1/</sup> | % Parity         |
| <b>CROPS:</b>                   |      |             |           |                           |               |           |                     |                  |
| Alfalfa Hay                     | Ton  | 230.00      | 180.00    | 190.00                    | 196.00        | 198.00    | 203.00              | --               |
| Barley, All                     | Bu.  | 5.46        | 6.45      | 6.81                      | 5.27          | 6.32      | 6.67                | 53               |
| Feed                            | Bu.  | 5.64        | 5.24      | 5.90                      | 4.91          | 5.53      | 5.57                | --               |
| Malting                         | Bu.  | 5.46        | 6.60      | (D)                       | 5.31          | 6.49      | 6.81                | --               |
| Dry Beans                       | Cwt. | 34.70       | 39.90     | 44.10                     | 34.00         | 45.80     | 43.00               | 50               |
| Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>          | Cwt. | 8.30        | 7.60      | 7.45                      | 10.47         | 9.29      | 8.23                | 34               |
| Fresh <sup>3/</sup>             | Cwt. | 13.80       | 6.50      | (D)                       | 23.05         | 9.98      | (D)                 | --               |
| Processing                      | Cwt. | 7.10        | 8.50      | (D)                       | 7.24          | 8.71      | (D)                 | --               |
| Wheat, All                      | Bu.  | 6.90        | 7.16      | 7.64                      | 7.59          | 7.93      | 8.03                | 44               |
| <b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS</b> |      |             |           |                           |               |           |                     |                  |
| Milk, All <sup>4/</sup>         | Cwt. | 19.70       | 16.60     | 17.20                     | 22.10         | 16.90     | 17.80               | 33 <sup>5/</sup> |

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## United States Price Index Summary Table

| Index                                | August 2011 | July 2012 | August 2012 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Prices received by farmers           | 184         | 190       | 192         |
| Prices paid by farmers               | 205         | 213       | 216         |
| Ratio prices received to prices paid | 90          | 89        | 89          |

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## Idaho's 2011 Potato Production Up 14.0 Percent

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2011 potato crop totaling 129 million cwt, an increase of 1.3 percent from earlier estimates and 14.0 percent more than the 2010 crop. Field run yield of 404 cwt is 6 cwt more than the previous estimate and 20 cwt more than the 2010 crop's yield. Harvested area for the 2011 crop was 319,000 acres, unchanged from the previous estimate. Potato disposition estimates for the 2011 crop will be published on September 20, 2012. The first production estimates for the 2012 fall potato crop will be available on November 9, 2012.

### POTATOES: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2010 AND 2011

| SEASONAL<br>GROUP AND<br>STATE | 2010 CROP          |           |                                |                  | 2011 CROP          |           |                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                | AREA               |           | YIELD PER<br>HARVESTED<br>ACRE | PRODUCTION       | AREA               |           | YIELD PER<br>HARVESTED<br>ACRE | PRODUCTION       |
|                                | PLANTED            | HARVESTED |                                |                  | PLANTED            | HARVESTED |                                |                  |
|                                | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |           | <i>Cwt</i>                     | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |           | <i>Cwt</i>                     | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> |
| Spring                         | 89.3               | 85.8      | 289                            | 24,797           | 93.3               | 91.5      | 279                            | 25,573           |
| Summer                         | 42.1               | 40.4      | 321                            | 12,971           | 48.2               | 46.0      | 280                            | 12,894           |
| Fall                           |                    |           |                                |                  |                    |           |                                |                  |
| California                     | 6.5                | 6.5       | 435                            | 2,828            | 8.8                | 8.8       | 490                            | 4,312            |
| Colorado                       | 55.5               | 55.2      | 390                            | 21,528           | 54.0               | 53.9      | 395                            | 21,291           |
| IDAHO, ALL                     | 295.0              | 294.0     | 384                            | 112,970          | 320.0              | 319.0     | 404                            | 128,760          |
| 10 SW Co                       | 16.0               | 16.0      | 545                            | 8,720            | 19.0               | 19.0      | 540                            | 10,260           |
| Other Areas                    | 279.0              | 278.0     | 375                            | 104,250          | 301.0              | 300.0     | 395                            | 118,500          |
| Maine                          | 55.0               | 54.8      | 290                            | 15,892           | 57.0               | 54.0      | 265                            | 14,310           |
| Massachusetts                  | 3.9                | 3.8       | 285                            | 1,083            | 3.6                | 2.8       | 275                            | 770              |
| Michigan                       | 44.0               | 43.5      | 360                            | 15,660           | 45.0               | 44.0      | 345                            | 15,180           |
| Minnesota                      | 45.0               | 42.0      | 405                            | 17,010           | 49.0               | 47.0      | 355                            | 16,685           |
| Montana                        | 11.5               | 11.3      | 325                            | 3,673            | 11.7               | 11.5      | 330                            | 3,795            |
| Nebraska                       | 19.0               | 18.6      | 415                            | 7,719            | 20.0               | 19.5      | 400                            | 7,800            |
| Nevada                         | (D)                | (D)       | (D)                            | (D)              | (D)                | (D)       | (D)                            | (D)              |
| New Mexico                     | (D)                | (D)       | (D)                            | (D)              | (D)                | (D)       | (D)                            | (D)              |
| New York                       | 16.2               | 16.0      | 320                            | 5,120            | 16.5               | 16.2      | 250                            | 4,050            |
| North Dakota                   | 84.0               | 80.0      | 275                            | 22,000           | 84.0               | 77.0      | 245                            | 18,865           |
| Ohio                           | 2.2                | 2.1       | 290                            | 609              | 2.0                | 1.7       | 270                            | 459              |
| Oregon                         | 35.5               | 35.5      | 565                            | 20,058           | 40.0               | 39.9      | 585                            | 23,342           |
| Pennsylvania                   | 9.5                | 9.0       | 245                            | 2,205            | 9.2                | 7.8       | 260                            | 2,028            |
| Rhode Island                   | 0.6                | 0.6       | 275                            | 165              | 0.6                | 0.6       | 250                            | 150              |
| Washington                     | 135.0              | 134.0     | 660                            | 88,440           | 160.0              | 160.0     | 610                            | 97,600           |
| Wisconsin                      | 62.5               | 61.5      | 395                            | 24,293           | 63.0               | 62.5      | 415                            | 25,938           |
| Other States                   | 13.4               | 13.4      | 392                            | 5,252            | 13.3               | 13.3      | 439                            | 5,845            |
| TOTAL FALL                     | 894.3              | 881.8     | 416                            | 366,505          | 957.7              | 939.5     | 416                            | 391,180          |
| UNITED STATES                  | 1,025.7            | 1,008.0   | 401                            | 404,273          | 1,099.2            | 1,077.0   | 399                            | 429,647          |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Sugarbeet Production Up

Idaho's 2012 sugarbeet production is forecast to be 6.44 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 6 percent from a year ago. Yield of 35.4 tons per acre is up from 2011's 34.4 tons per acre and, if realized, a new record yield for Idaho. Harvested acreage is expected to total 182,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from 2011.

United States' sugarbeet production for 2012 is forecast at 35.6 million tons, up 23 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up slightly from 2011. The yield is forecast at 29.3 tons per acre, up 5.5 tons from 2011 and a new record if realized.

### Sugarbeet Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2011 and Forecasted September 1, 2012

| State         | Harvested Acreage  |                    | Yield       |             |             | Production        |                   |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|               | 2011               | 2012               | 2011        | 2012        |             | 2011              | 2012              |
|               |                    |                    |             | Aug 1       | Sep 1       |                   |                   |
|               | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Tons</i> |
| California    | 25.1               | 24.5               | 44.0        | 43.0        | 43.0        | 1,104             | 1,054             |
| Colorado      | 28.7               | 29.7               | 28.9        | 33.9        | 34.0        | 829               | 1,010             |
| Idaho         | 176.0              | 182.0              | 34.4        | 34.7        | 35.4        | 6,054             | 6,443             |
| Michigan      | 153.0              | 152.5              | 24.0        | 28.0        | 28.0        | 3,672             | 4,270             |
| Minnesota     | 469.0              | 473.0              | 19.0        | 27.0        | 27.0        | 8,911             | 12,771            |
| Montana       | 43.0               | 46.0               | 25.9        | 29.1        | 28.9        | 1,112             | 1,329             |
| Nebraska      | 51.6               | 49.0               | 24.9        | 30.0        | 31.0        | 1,287             | 1,519             |
| North Dakota  | 225.0              | 216.0              | 20.5        | 26.5        | 27.0        | 4,613             | 5,832             |
| Oregon        | 10.8               | 11.0               | 35.8        | 37.9        | 37.5        | 387               | 413               |
| Wyoming       | 30.9               | 31.3               | 27.8        | 30.3        | 30.1        | 859               | 942               |
| United States | 1,213.1            | 1,215.0            | 23.8        | 29.1        | 29.3        | 28,828            | 35,583            |

1/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except CA. In CA, relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central CA and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern CA.

## U.S. Dairy Products July 2012 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 874 million pounds, 2.3 percent above July 2011 but 2.3 percent below June 2012.

**Italian type cheese** production totaled 368 million pounds, 2.3 percent above July 2011 but 2.7 percent below June 2012.

**American type cheese** production totaled 356 million pounds, 1.8 percent above July 2011 but 1.1 percent below June 2012.

**Butter** production was 133 million pounds, 2.0 percent below July 2011 and 3.4 percent below June 2012.

### Dry milk powders (comparisons with July 2011)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 149 million pounds, up 12.1 percent.

Skim milk powders - 37.2 million pounds, down 6.1 percent.

### Whey products (comparisons with July 2011)

Dry whey, total - 90.3 million pounds, up 10.4 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 85.8 million pounds, up 0.7 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 34.1 million pounds, down 1.7 percent.

### Frozen products (comparisons with July 2011)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 73.8 million gallons, up 1.4 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 39.9 million gallons, down 8.0 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 3.93 million gallons, up 3.6 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 5.89 million gallons, up 6.6 percent.

# Potato Objective Yield Survey:

Fall Potatoes: Percent of Varieties Planted, Selected States and 7 State Total, 2011 Crop and Preliminary 2012 Crop

| State and Varieties | 2011 Percent of Planted Acres | 2012 Percent of Planted Acres | State and Varieties        | 2011 Percent of Planted Acres | 2012 Percent of Planted Acres |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Idaho</b>        |                               |                               | <b>Total (7 States) 1/</b> |                               |                               |
| Russet Burbank      | 57.9                          | 52.4                          | Russet Burbank             | 44.0                          | 44.1                          |
| Russet Norkotah     | 16.2                          | 20.9                          | Russet Norkotah            | 12.7                          | 12.9                          |
| Ranger Russet       | 14.2                          | 12.3                          | Ranger Russet              | 9.9                           | 9.4                           |
| Alturas             | *                             | 2.1                           | Umatilla Russet            | 5.5                           | 5.4                           |
| Umatilla Russet     | 1.2                           | 1.8                           | Frito-Lay Varieties        | 4.7                           | 3.3                           |
| Western Russet      | 1.1                           | 1.2                           | Norland                    | 3.9                           | 3.1                           |
| Norland             | 1.0                           | 1.1                           | Alturas                    | 2.2                           | 2.7                           |
| Other Varieties     | 8.4                           | 8.2                           | Shepody                    | 1.7                           | 1.8                           |
|                     |                               |                               | Goldrush                   | 1.1                           | 1.3                           |
| <b>Colorado 2/</b>  |                               |                               | Snowden                    | 1.0                           | 1.2                           |
| Russet Norkotah     | 49.3                          | 52.5                          | Chieftain                  | 0.8                           | 1.1                           |
| Canela Russet       | 11.5                          | 8.7                           | Yukon Gold                 | 0.8                           | 0.8                           |
| Centennial Russet   | 4.0                           | 5.0                           | Premier Russet             | 0.8                           | 0.8                           |
| Rio Grande Russet   | 6.2                           | 4.7                           | Bannock                    | 0.7                           | 0.7                           |
| Classic Russet      | 6.6                           | 4.3                           | Silverton Russet           | 0.5                           | 0.7                           |
| Russet Nugget       | 1.7                           | 2.0                           | Prospect                   | 0.6                           | 0.7                           |
| Yukon Gold          | 2.2                           | 1.9                           | Innovator                  | 0.3                           | 0.6                           |
| Mesa Russet         | 2.1                           | 1.5                           | Superior                   | 0.5                           | 0.6                           |
| Latona              | *                             | 1.4                           | Ivory Crisp                | 0.3                           | 0.6                           |
| Other Varieties     | 16.4                          | 18.0                          | Dakota Pearl               | 0.5                           | 0.5                           |
|                     |                               |                               | Western Russet             | 0.5                           | 0.5                           |
| <b>Oregon</b>       |                               |                               | Atlantic                   | 0.5                           | 0.5                           |
| Russet Norkotah     | 22.3                          | 22.1                          | Alpine                     | 0.3                           | 0.5                           |
| Ranger Russet       | 17.9                          | 17.5                          | Modoc                      | 0.4                           | 0.4                           |
| Russet Burbank      | 16.6                          | 15.8                          | Cascade                    | 0.2                           | 0.3                           |
| Umatilla Russet     | 9.5                           | 9.2                           | Pike                       | 0.3                           | 0.3                           |
| Shepody             | 6.8                           | 7.6                           | Cal White                  | 0.6                           | 0.3                           |
| Alturas             | 5.8                           | 6.9                           | Red LaSoda                 | 0.2                           | 0.3                           |
| Frito-Lay Varieties | 6.5                           | 3.3                           | Blazer Russet              | 0.2                           | 0.2                           |
| Premier Russet      | 2.5                           | 3.1                           | Bintje                     | 0.1                           | 0.2                           |
| Yukon Gold          | 1.7                           | 2.3                           | Dakota Rose                | 0.1                           | 0.2                           |
| Atlantic            | 1.9                           | 2.3                           | Laratte                    | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Modoc               | 1.9                           | 1.7                           | Ontario                    | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Bannock             | *                             | 1.5                           | Red Pontiac                | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Other Varieties     | 6.6                           | 6.7                           | Dakota Crisp               | 0.2                           | 0.1                           |
|                     |                               |                               | Rio Grande Russet          | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| <b>Washington</b>   |                               |                               | Classic Russet             | 0.2                           | 0.1                           |
| Russet Burbank      | 30.5                          | 40.0                          | Norwis                     | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Umatilla Russet     | 16.7                          | 15.4                          | Mega Chip                  | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Ranger Russet       | 11.1                          | 12.5                          | Satina                     | *                             | 0.1                           |
| Alturas             | 8.8                           | 7.2                           | Kennebec                   | *                             | 0.1                           |
| Chieftain           | 3.1                           | 4.9                           | Defender                   | *                             | 0.1                           |
| Russet Norkotah     | 14.1                          | 4.8                           | Keuka Gold                 | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Shepody             | 3.1                           | 3.6                           | Katahdin                   | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
| Premier Russet      | 2.4                           | 1.6                           | Nor Donna                  | *                             | 0.1                           |
| Yukon Gold          | *                             | 1.5                           | Reba                       | 0.2                           | 0.1                           |
| Frito-Lay Varieties | 3.2                           | 1.2                           | Agata                      | *                             | 0.1                           |
| Other Varieties     | 7.0                           | 7.3                           | Canela Russet              | *                             | 0.1                           |
|                     |                               |                               | All Blue                   | 0.1                           | 0.1                           |
|                     |                               |                               | Other Varieties            | 2.6                           | 2.2                           |

\* Data not published in 2011. Included in Other Varieties.

1/ The seven state total includes ID, ME, MN, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

2/ Colorado conducts an independent variety survey and is not included in the 7 state total.